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IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 100 SEP 22 AM 10 46

IN RE: PETITION OF BELLSOUTH TO IMPLEMENT NEW AND INCREASE EXISTING LATE PAYMENT CHARGES) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY) DOCKET NO. 00-00041)

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OR EXTENSION OF TIME TO ARGUE BEFORE THE TRA

Comes now, L. Vincent Williams, upon personal knowledge, having been duly sworn and attests to the following:

- I, L. Vincent Williams, am the counsel on this case, and am currently on jury duty
 in the courts for Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County, Tennessee and expect
 to serve on a case that is anticipated to last through the week of September 25-29,
 2000.
- 2. The other attorney for the Consumer Advocate Division, Vance Broemel, is not familiar with the numerous pleadings in this case. This matter has appeared on several previous Conference Agendas and I, Vincent Williams, was counsel on behalf of the Consumer Advocate Division at those Conferences. Arguments for the Conference of September 26, 2000 are anticipated to involve statements made and positions taken at these previous Conferences as well as filings during the interim.



- 3. I intend to file another brief in reply to BellSouth's latest filing but have not had time to complete it because of the jury duty in the case which began on Monday September 18, 2000.
- 4. Tennessee consumers pray that the request for continuance or extension of time until the next regularly scheduled conference be granted.

FFURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

. Vincent Williams

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 22rd day of September, 2000 Cyrolnia A. Moore

NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires on: November, 24, 2001

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Document has been faxed and mailed postage prepaid to the parties listed below this 22 day of September, 2000.

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